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1. KISSINGER TRIP: UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DOMINATE
PORTUGUESE PRESS SCENE, AND COVERAGE OF KISSINGER PARTICIPATION
IN NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING HAS BEEN SLIGHT. HOWEVER,
PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PRESS HAS TAKEN NOTE OF VISIT.
SAMPLE HEADLINES, COMMENTARIES, FOLLOW:

A. "DIARIO DE LISBOA" DECEMBER 7 CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED,
"NATO SAYS GOODBYE TO KISSINGER." ARTICLE STATED, "NATO
DEFENSE MINISTERS BEGIN TODAY IN BRUSSELS A 2-DAY SESSION
WHICH WILL BE THE 'FAREWELL' FOR KISSINGER. THE SEND-OFF
OF THE SECRETARY -- WHO SHORTLY WILL BE REPLACED
BY CYRUS VANCE AS A RESULT OF THE ELECTORAL VICTORY OF
THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE -- DOES NOT STOP
HIM FROM CONDUCTING BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THREE
FOREIGN MINISTERS (PORTUGAL, GREECE, AND TURKEY), AND
WITH NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS."

B. "O DIARIO " DECEMBER 9 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT
ON KISSINGER PARTICIPATION IN MEETING: "MEANWHILE, THE
INEVITABLE DR, KISSINGER IS ALREADY IN BRUSSELS FOR HIS
LAST VISIT TO THE OLD WORLD AS SECRETARY OF STATE.
KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH DIFFERENT EUROPEAN LEADERS,
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PERHAPS TO HAVE 'THE LAST WORK' - WHICH WILL BE VERY

USEFUL TO HIM WHEN HE IS WRITING HIS MEMOIRS.
THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO CARRIES LETTER TO THE NATO
COUNCIL FROM PRESIDENT ELECT JAMES CARTER. THE MESSAGE
VERY CLEARLY STATES THAT KISSINGER DOES NOT COME AUTHORIZED
TO SPEAK FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION."

2. CARTER FOREIGN POLICY: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" DECEMBER
8 REPORTED "BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN" ARTICLE THAT JIMMY
CARTER HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA. "DIARIO
POPULAR" DECEMBER 7 CARRIED FROM NYTIMES ARTICLE, ENTITLED
"CARTER GETTING READY TO LEAD AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY".
ARTICLE COMMENTED ON VANCE AND LANCE APPOINTMENTS:
"...NEITHER OF THE TWO ARE KNOWN FOR A CLEARLY DEFINED
IDEOLOGICAL LINE -- A GOOD BEGINNING FOR THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION. BOTH ARE DESCRIBED AS GOOD TECHNICIANS, LOYAL
COMPANIONS, PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE CARTER LINE."
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